

ACTIVITIES

YOSEMITE VALLEY

VALLEY VISITOR CENTER

Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle bus stops #3 and #7). Information, maps, books, exhibits, and a multilingual *One Day in Yosemite* program. ♿

YOSEMITE: ITS GRACE AND GRANDEUR

This inspiring audiovisual program provides a good introduction to Yosemite’s splendor. It is shown regularly in the Visitor Center’s West Auditorium; show times are posted on auditorium doors (ends July 9). ♿

DRAFT YOSEMITE VALLEY PLAN

“Yosemite’s Future” Open House—An open house for the Yosemite Valley Plan will be held every Wednesday through Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. through early July in the Valley Visitor Center Auditorium. Join a Yosemite National Park staff member to view exhibits and text about the *Draft Yosemite Valley Plan*. Materials will be on hand for you to review; you are also invited to submit written comments on the plan during the official public comment period through early July. ♿

ANSEL ADAMS GALLERY

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Visitor Center. The Gallery offers works of Ansel Adams and contemporary photographers. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/372-4413 or visit their web site at www.anseladams.com. ♿

GALLERY EXHIBITS

July 6-August 15: Photography of Barbara Brundage

August 16-September 30: Images by Michael Frye to coincide with the release of his new book from the Yosemite Association, *The Photographer’s Guide to Yosemite*.

SPECIAL EVENTS

June 20-July 5: Premier of the new film “Yosemite, Ascending Rhythm, They Climb in Beauty” by Sterling Johnson. Flat panel display with theater sound system will be installed for viewing in the Gallery. Special Yosemite climbing exhibit coincides with premier.



This symbol indicates programs and facilities suitable for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

NATURE CENTER AT HAPPY ISLES

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This family-oriented nature center includes natural history exhibits, interactive displays, and a bookstore geared to nature-exploring families. Nearby are short trails focusing on the area’s four different environments; forest, river, talus, and fen. You can also see substantial evidence of the huge 1996 rockfall from the Glacier Point cliff far above the Nature Center. The Center is a short walk from shuttle bus stop #15. ♿

YOSEMITE MUSEUM

Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. ♿

INDIAN CULTURAL EXHIBIT

Open daily 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite’s native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of basket-weaving, beadwork, and/or traditional games are presented.

MUSEUM GALLERY

Open daily 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Historic paintings from the Yosemite Museum collection.

THE MUSEUM SHOP

Open daily 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Offering traditional American Indian arts and crafts and books on related subjects.

THE INDIAN VILLAGE OF AHWAHNEE

Located behind the Yosemite Museum and always open. Join Indian Cultural Program staff for demonstrations or programs about Ahwahneechee skills and culture. Programs are usually offered from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. inside the Indian Cultural Exhibit or outside in the Indian Village of Ahwahnee. Inquire in the Indian Cultural Exhibit for daily schedule. ♿

LECONTE MEMORIAL LODGE

Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Located at shuttle stop #11. The LeConte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite’s first public visitor center, is operated by the Sierra Club and features a children’s corner, library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information on programs, see activities scheduled below, bulletin boards at the LeConte Memorial, campgrounds, Valley Visitor Center, and post office. You may also call 209/372-4542.

WILDERNESS CENTER

Open daily 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ansel Adams Gallery and the post office. One-stop resource for backpackers in need of wilderness permits, maps, and guidebooks. Displays and information on pre-trip planning, minimum impact camping techniques, and Yosemite wilderness. ♿

SELF-GUIDING TRAILS

There are four self-guiding trails in Yosemite Valley: two near the Visitor Center in the Yosemite Village area, one at the east end of the Valley near Mirror Lake, and one commemorating the history of Curry Village.

The Miwok in Yosemite is a short loop trail that winds through the Indian Village of Ahwahnee, a reconstructed Miwok-Paiute village. A booklet is available at the trailhead and in the Visitor Center. Large print materials are available in the Visitor Center for the visually impaired. The trail begins behind the Yosemite Museum. ♿

Changing Yosemite is a 1-mile trail that begins in front of the Visitor Center, near shuttle bus stop #3. It winds through a nearby meadow and explores the changes that have led to the Yosemite we experience today. A booklet is available at the trailhead, and large print materials are available for the visually impaired at the Visitor Center. ♿

Mirror Lake Interpretive Trail is a short loop adjacent to Mirror Lake, a seasonal lake on Tenaya Creek. Exhibits focus on the rich natural history of the area, Native American use, and history of this popular destination. To reach the start of the trail, walk 1 mile from shuttle bus stop #16 to the disabled parking spaces near the lake. The self-guiding trail begins here. ♿

The Legacy of Curry Village is an easy stroll commemorating the early days of Camp Curry. Pick up a map and guide at the Curry Village front desk or tour desk.

YOSEMITE CEMETERY

This historic cemetery is located across the street and just west of the Yosemite Museum. People buried here include Native Americans, casual park visitors, and people who played important roles in the development of what is now Yosemite National Park. A *Guide to the Yosemite Cemetery* is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

WALKS AND TALKS

Join a ranger or naturalist for an easy walk to explore Yosemite’s natural and cultural history. Programs are usually offered mornings and afternoons daily. Topics may include geology, forest ecology, wildlife, human history, and current park management issues.

A special “Yosemite Buffalo Soldiers” walk, presented by ranger Shelton Johnson, may also be available; check at the Valley Visitor Center for specific schedule information.

CAMERA PROGRAMS

Join professional photographers from Kodak or The Ansel Adams Gallery as they help you discover Yosemite through the camera’s eye. Various photo walks occur daily and range from capturing the dramatic light of sunrise or sunset, to offering tips on how to take great pictures in Yosemite. Some walks have limited space and require advance sign-up; check listings below.

EVENING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Evening programs include talks, films, slide presentations, storytelling, and music about Yosemite’s human and/or natural heritage. Offered by National Park Service rangers, or staff from Yosemite Concession Services, Sierra Club, and Kodak. These programs last one hour and are usually held outdoors (weather permitting) unless otherwise noted.

The *Twilight Walk*, led by an NPS ranger, explores the magical time of dusk in Yosemite Valley. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight.



other performances this season. *Conversation With a Tramp* is a moving performance detailing Muir’s action surrounding his spirited defense of Hetch Hetchy Valley. *The Spirit of John Muir* details Muir’s wild side and is filled with exciting tales of his mountain adventures. Each show is 1½ hours. Tickets are \$7/adults, \$6/senior, and \$3/children (12 and under).



MUSIC FOR ALL AGES

Come laugh, sing, dance, and listen to Gail Dreifus and Denise Ludington’s Recycled String Band as their upbeat, educational programs celebrate Yosemite and the environment. *Wild Ecology Tunes* will take you on a musical adventure from Yosemite to the rain forest, while *Yosemite By Song and Story* weaves together many of Yosemite’s highlights, from

JUST FOR KIDS

A variety of children’s programs are offered through the National Park Service, LeConte Memorial Lodge, Kodak, and Yosemite Institute (in cooperation with YCS). See schedule below (kids’ programs in color) for times and meeting locations. Space may be limited. Parents or guardians welcome.

Kids love the challenge of a scavenger hunt! Stop by the Curry Village front desk or tour desk to take part in a children’s Curry Centennial Scavenger Hunt. Pick up a handout, and upon completion, return it for a commemorative button.

Enjoy the morning or afternoon with a professional naturalist and a small group of families to explore the wonders of Yosemite’s natural world and cultural history. Working in partnership with YCS, Yosemite Institute’s “Discover Yosemite” program includes hiking and cave excursions for kids 11-15 years old, and exploratory adventures for children 4-10. Registration and information can be obtained at any tour desk or the Valley Visitor Center. Children are \$10 and parents are free. Each child must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian. All sessions will depart from the Curry Village Amphitheater.

waterfalls to black bears. On Wednesday nights the band will be playing at the Happy Isles campfire circle...s’mores are included! Each show is one hour. Tickets are \$6/adult, \$5/senior (62+), and \$3/children (12 and under).

PIONEER WOMAN VISITS YOSEMITE

Sarah Hawkins invites you to share her experiences as a pioneer woman in her two performances, *Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Marriage, Part One* and *Sarah Hawkins-Pickaxes and Petticoats, Part Two*. Actress Connie Stetson portrays the independent Sarah Hawkins and tells of her wagon train trek, and of her adventures with the gold-seeking 49ers in part one of the series. Part two continues with more true stories of the gold rush and reveals Sarah’s answer to Apple Abbott’s marriage proposal. Parts one and two can be seen in any order. Each show is 1 hour. Tickets are \$6/adult, \$5/senior (62+), and \$3/children (12 and under).



Yosemite Theater programs are in shaded boxes below and are offered for a fee. See prices above.

YCS = Yosemite Concession Services
NPS = National Park Service
AAG = Ansel Adams Gallery

YI = Yosemite Institute
YA = Yosemite Association
\$ = Program offered for a fee

Programs listed below in color are especially for children and families.

MONDAY

9:00 a.m.

Photo Walk & Class (basic skills), 1½ to 2 hours
Sign up/meet on Gallery porch, space limited to 15
Weather permitting (AAG)

10:00 a.m.

Ranger Walk—Survival Arts of the Ahwahneechee, 1 to 1½ hours
Behind Visitor Center ♿

Ranger Walk—Junior Rangers, 2 hours, see “Just for Kids” page 9

1:00 p.m.

Ranger Walk/Talk—The Bear Facts, 1 to 1½ hours
Curry Village Amphitheater

2:00 p.m.

Ranger Walk—Yosemite’s Legacy, 1 to 1½ hours, front of Visitor Center ♿

6:45 p.m.

Twilight Stroll (*August & September*), 1 hour, Ahwahnee outdoor patio (YCS)

7:00 p.m.

Yosemite Theatre—Yosemite by Song and Story (*except July 3, 17, August 14 & 21*) 1 hour, Visitor Center Auditorium \$ ♿

7:30 p.m.

Twilight Stroll (*June & July*), 1 hour, Ahwahnee outdoor patio (YCS)

8:30 p.m.

Evening Program, 1 hour, Lower Pines Amphitheater (NPS) ♿

Family Evening Program, 1 hour, Curry Village Amphitheater (YCS) ♿

Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley (*August & September*), 1 hour

Sign up/details at any lodge tour desk, meet near Yosemite Lodge \$ (YCS)

9:00 p.m.

Starry Skies Over Yosemite Valley (*June and July*), 1 hour,

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